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Candlelight Stroll to benefit teen



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Nick Roma is adjusting to life without hands or feet, but is learning to walk on prosthetics and eagerly awaits his bionic hands. The money raised by the Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Stroll, to be held Friday, Dec. 6, will help pay for the hands, which will cost \$60,000 each and will need to be replaced every five to six years.

Nick Roma is still battling cancer, and eagerly anticipating bionic hands at \$60,000 each

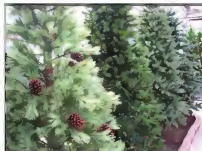
Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Nick Roma will take part in his first Candlelight Stroll this year, knowing the warm glow of the candles that light the way will help pay for the hands that will transform his life.

The Niagara teenager lost part of his limbs last year while fighting leukemia. Septic shock shut down his organs and a lack of blood flow cost him his hands and lower legs. He now has prosthetic feet that make it possible for him to walk, and has been fitted for his first bionic hand.

Nick's tenacity is already allowing him a remarkable level of independence as he adjusts to life with no hands, learning how to do simple things for himself, such as eating or using the computer. But the five-motor bionic hands he is eagerly anticipating will give him fingers that will move in response to his thoughts, much the same as a real hand.

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Teen is taking time off school to concentrate on overcoming cancer

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And this year's Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Stroll will help pay for those hands, which cost \$60,000 each and will need to be replaced every five to six years.

He will start with a right hand, and once he's comfortable using it, he will have the left fitted.

From the opportunity he's had to try one of the bionichands at Hamilton's MacMaster Hospital, he knows it will change his life, but he isn't sure exactly what to expect from prosthetic that will respond to his commands.

It's not going to be an

easy task learning to control the muscles in his arms that will be implanted with electrodes, so that when he thinks of moving his fingers, they will understand what he wants them to do.

He should be able to pick up a quarter, click on a computer mouse and strum a guitar.

"But I won't know until I have one—I haven't had a lot of time to try it out. That's what I'm most excited about—figuring out what I can and can't do with it, and how well it works. From the little bit I have used it, it seems like I can do a lot, so I'm really looking forward to it."

Nick has graduated from high school, and is taking some time off to con-

centrate on his health.

He had hoped to become an electrician, and had been accepted into a college program, but any post-secondary education has been put on hold.

His mother Karen, her fiancé and Nick have recently moved to a Niagara Falls home that has been renovated to make it easier for Nick to manoeuvre around it, with no carpets and an open concept, some of the interior wall removed.

They still need to add a stair lift, modify the bathroom and install a ramp in the backyard.

Nick says now that Karen is out of the hospital, recovered from the septic shock that took his limbs



MATT DAY

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Nick Roma is still receiving cancer treatments, and will be bundled up in a horse-drawn carriage to lead the Candlelight Stroll.

lot out of him, and will continue at least until February.

"So for now, I'm taking it easy, resting and spending time with my girlfriend," says Nick.

And looking forward to his first Candlelight Stroll.

Karen, always worrying about his health, says she hopes it's a nice evening, not too cold.

"He's planning on being there, riding in a carriage. As long as his health allows, we'll bundle him up and he'll be there."

This year's Candlelight Stroll takes place Friday, Dec. 6, with caroling from the Court House steps on Queen St. beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The stroll begins with the Town Crier gathering everyone together in front of the Court House with carol singing and the candle-lighting ceremony. Participants can buy a candle with cup for \$3, or two for \$5.

There will be a special performance by Debbie Whitehouse before the stroll begins, when she sings carols from the Court House steps, later joined by the Salvation Army Band.

The Roma family will lead the stroll through the

Old Town from a Sentinella Carriages horse-drawn carriage.

The stroll route will be alive with entertainment all the time with professional entertainers, including the Salvation Army Band, the bagpipers of Norm Haigh, the Fort George junior fife and drum corps, Grace United Church, Sing Niagara, Niagara Christian Assembly, Acapella Niagara, German School Choir, Resurrection Lutheran Choir, Bethany Bell Ringers, Mystique, Brass Quintet, Sir Winston Churchill Choir and Joyful Noise.

A Christmas wagon will be displayed by Sentinella Carriages on Queen St. to collect donations of non-perishable goods for Newark Neighbours.

For more information, call 905-468-1950 or visit the Chamber website at www.niagaraonthelake.com.

Special this year is a preview of the Burning of Niagara - at the Court House immediately after the Stroll.

Also the Landmark Shops of NOTL will be open late on the evening of the stroll.

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CORRECTION NOTICE

In the November 21st issue of the Niagara Advance, the ad for Perry Quinn's 556 King St. Unit #14 displayed the wrong photo. The Advance apologizes for the error and regrets any inconvenience this has caused Perry Quinn or his valuable clients.

and threatened his life, people forget he is still battling the acute lymphoblastic leukemia that was diagnosed in December 2011. His chemotherapy treatments, for which he travels to Hamilton weekly, take a

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Countdown to Niagara on Fire

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Whatever the weather, it's bound to be a cold winter's night when the burning of Niagara is commemorated.

As it was 200 years ago, an outdoor sound and light show and dramatic film premiere two years in the making will mark the 200th anniversary of the day U.S. militia retreated from their occupation of Niagara, torching the town as they fled, burning all but a couple of homes in the Old Town.

It was a day that shaped the destiny of Canada, says 1812 Bicentennial Committee fundraising chair Tony Chisholm.

After some discussion about how best to portray the events of Dec. 10, 1813, the result was a professionally-produced, 15-minute video that will be shown on a large screen outdoors at Market Square, Saturday, Dec. 7. The screen will be set up at the back of the parking lot behind the Court House, with bales of hay placed around the lot for seating.

Along Queen St., lighting effects will simulate flames, and the town will be glowing red.

The video will tell the story of the burning of the town from the point of view of a fictional survivor of the devastation, and promises to leave a lasting memory and understanding of the event, says Chisholm.

The video will be available for sale the night of the event, to help offset production costs, and will also be given to Niagara schools as part of the legacy of the commemoration.

"We want the kids to know the truth about what led up to the event, why it occurred and what were its consequences. This isn't just dull Canadian history; this is an exciting historical drama about what happened right here, 200 years ago. Everyone who has seen it so far loves it."

The evening of the event, the Market Room in the Court House will be open with refreshments, and some Queen St. stores will be open

for business, with some restaurants offering special Niagara on Fire menus.

This is a local event, stresses Chisholm, with most of the work being done by local volunteers who appreciate the significance of the destruction of the town 200 years ago.

"We've been working as a sub-committee of the bicentennial committee for well over two years. The dedication to the project has really impressed me," says Chisholm.

"The Market Room will be open and we are providing free entertainment and Starbucks will be providing coffee and cookies, after 6 p.m."

Stores are being given red battery-powered candles to place in their window the night of the event, he said, and the list of stores and restaurants that stay open will be announced during the event.

"It is so rewarding to see that literally everyone has been positive about our plans. Our view is that we want everyone to partner, participate and learn from Niagara on Fire."

Most of the suppliers of the event are local to Niagara, he says, and the movie was acted, directed and edited by local people, "but the result is



U.S. soldiers prepare to torch the town before retreating. The event will be commemorated with Niagara on Fire, Saturday, Dec. 7 at Market Square. A 15-minute video will be shown five times during the evening, from 6 to 9 p.m.
Photo by Tony Chisholm

and looks truly professional."

Dec. 6, Friday: Special Preview night to coincide with the Candlelight Stroll with Queen St. alight as if on fire.

Dec. 7, Saturday: Niagara on Fire, in Market Square 6 to 9 p.m. The movie will be shown outdoors on a giant screen, five times through-

out the evening with fireworks after each showing. Also featured is a spectacular sound and light show on the front of the Court House. See the video trailer for a

preview [<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b7clOrjRE&feature=youtu.be>] of the movie.

Note: Market Square parking lot will be closed all day.

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St. Mark's commemorates burning with bonfire, procession

Dedication of stone, raising of Union Jack to mark historic event

St. Mark's Church will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the burning of the town Dec. 10, 200 years after homes were torched by fleeing

American soldiers. The church ceremony, which begins at 7 p.m., will include the dedication of a stone to mark the American entrenchments

dug by their soldiers when they occupied St. Mark's in 1813.

Following the dedication, a torch-lit procession through the cemetery will lead people inside for a candlelight service of inspirational readings and music.

Outdoors, a bonfire will be blazing while the American flag will be replaced by the Union Jack. Hot cider will be served beside the bonfire, as a remembrance of that wintry night in 1813.

The History of St.

Mark's Church during the War of 1812

The Church was used first as a hospital by the British and Canadian forces and as a barracks by the Americans. When Major General Sir Isaac Brock was killed at Queenston, St. Mark's Rev. Robert Addison conducted the funeral service and followed the cortege to the burial site in Fort George.

The American forces occupied the town in 1813. They destroyed the Fort and dug entrenchments from the fort and through

the cemetery, the contours of which can still be seen.

The church was used for storage and some of the tombstones shored up the entrenchments. Several monuments were badly defaced by the occupying American forces.

For more on the history of St. Mark's Church, visit <http://stmarks.sparked.com/wp/history/>

Town flag, coat of arms to be unveiled

From ashes comes rebirth and hope. At least, that is what Lord Mayor Dave Eke hopes to symbolize on Tuesday, Dec. 10 when he unveils an official town flag 200 years from the day when American forces burned down Niagara.

The flag and a refreshed coat of arms were designed by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, a division of the Governor General's Office. A representative of the Governor General will be on hand for the ceremony and to formally proclaim the newly-registered letters patent for the new flag and coat of arms.

The public is invited to attend a reception, followed by the proclamation ceremony, as follows:

At 5:30 p.m. there will be a reception in the Market Room at the Court House, with the proclamation at 6:15 p.m.

Following the ceremony, a procession will travel to the new flagpole outside the Court House for the formal raising of the flag. The procession will then continue to St. Mark's Church on Byron St. for a candlelight service to commemorate the burning of the town.

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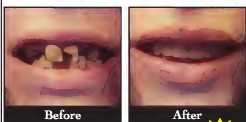
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Heritage trail in the works

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Two hundred years ago, the U.S. militia was preparing to flee Niagara, burning the town as it went, but the War of 1812 was far from over.

Especially for the village of St. David's.

It was a bustling community then, with several grain and lumber mills, a tannery and a blacksmith shop.

It's not the economic hub that it once was, but it has a history to celebrate, and residents should understand the significance of that history, says Harry Murdoch.

As a member of the St. David's

Ratepayers Association, he and a committee of 10 history buffs are planning a commemoration of the July 18, 1814 burning of the village with a one-day event 200 years later, and a heritage trail to provide a permanent legacy of the many important people and events that are part of the story of their community.

The committee has chosen about 40 locations, most but not all within the urban area of St. David's, where they plan to place a marker explaining some historically significant person or event. While some are part of the story of the War of 1812, oth-

ers go back even further, to the first native community in 1650, says Murdoch.

"There are many people here in St. David's, some new to the area and some who have lived here a long time, and many more who will become part of the community with all the new development, who know very little about the rich history of their community," says Jim McMicking, also member of the heritage committee.

"We wanted a project that puts these things in place to help new people and existing residents learn and understand their history."

The 200-year anniversary of the War of 1812 provides a reason to focus on the history of the village, he says.

Lowery Park, at the corner of York Rd. and Tanbark Rd., will have a new flagpole to fly the 1812 flag, with markers around it explaining some of the past.

It's a good place for residents and tourists to visit and soak up the history of St. David's, says McMicking, but it wasn't the committee's first choice.

The obvious, and more visible location, would have been at the four corners on a piece of public property at the northeast corner of York and Four Mile Creek Rd. but it's regional property, and

the region is studying possible improvements for that intersection, including a traffic roundabout, so the committee had to move to its second choice.

The heritage supporters have been working with the Town, and hope to have the flagpole funded by the Town, with donations to finance the markers in specific locations — either in the form of a cheque, a stone to mount the plaque on or even some time with a front-end loader to put the stones in place, says Murdoch.

The committee is estimating a cost of about \$25,000 for up to 40 plaques, and hopes to have the majority in place by spring, but is prepared for the project to move forward in stages as the funding comes in.

One of the plaques for sure will be the Murdoch house, "a one-of-a-kind home built in typical French Huguenot fashion," Murdoch says, describing construction of two layers of stone with air space in between, "a unique piece of architecture" that belonged to Peter Secord, the first Loyalist farmer in the village.

There are others in the community who feel the same pride in the heritage of their homes and



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Kenn Moody, Jim McMicking and Harry Murdoch, at Murdoch's historic Peter Secord House bed and breakfast on Four Mile Creek Rd., are members of a St. David's committee that is planning about 40 heritage markers around the village to teach residents and visitors the history of the community.

properties, and who are happy to have a heritage plaque and be part of the trail.

Other locations may be problematic, and those plaques could end up at

Lowery Park.

"We don't know what kind of roadblocks and obstacles we'll run into yet, but we do know there are lots of people in the community with the goodwill

and respect for history to make this happen," says Murdoch.

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our editorial

Helping those in need may bring on Christmas spirit

We're getting to the time of year when we begin feeling overwhelmed with requests for donations.

There are many worthwhile local causes—families who struggle at Christmas, and service clubs, schools and churches all collecting to help out where there is need.

There are Salvation Army kettles asking for spare cash as we enter stores to do our shopping, and brown bags of miscellaneous items the grocery stores deliver to food banks for a donation.

And then there are the impoverished in other countries, including the people of Haiti still displaced from an earthquake three years ago, and those in the Philippines who have lost everything to the worst typhoon ever to hit their country.

It can seem like we're asked to help every direction we turn, but that's

because we can help. This is the time of year when we are reminded of how fortunate we are, of how much we have, and when we are driven to buy things for others that they don't need, so we have a gift to wrap and place under the tree.

It feels good to give, but even better to give to those who need far more than us where we might be shopping for—people who are struggling for the barest necessities of life.

Instead of heading for the mall, or maybe by spending less once we're there, we could direct some help to those in need, whether close to home struggling to get through the holidays or far away in situations we can't begin to imagine.

Helping others may turn out to be what makes us really feel the Christmas spirit this year.

Defender of the Town



Lord Mayor Dave Eke is presented with a Defender of the Town plaque from War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee fundraising chair Tony Chisholm, in recognition of the town's support of the committee since it was established in April 2007. In addition to financial and in-kind support from the Town, the committee membership includes representation from a Town staff liaison and Eke, as a representative of council.

letters to the editor

Wonderful experience

Animal Assistance Society of Niagara Region, Lincoln County Humane Society and the Welland Humane Society all participated at the Pet Smart Adopt-a-thon.

I am a volunteer with the Animal Assistance Society and I was so impressed with the wonderful co-operation that occurred among these three societies.

All the volunteers gave a helping hand wherever it was needed, it did not matter which group you were with.

It was a very successful

event with many kittens and cats getting adopted along with some Angora rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.

I would like to add that there are still wonderful, sweet and friendly cats at the Pet Smart Adoption Centres looking for loving homes.

You can also help out by being a friendly visitor, offering to be a foster home or making donations to these animal rescue groups.

Erika Buchkowski

Try 'can-do' attitude

I recall a conversation I had with rickshaw spa-

ny owner Keith Tindall last summer. I was greatly encouraged by what I thought was a super environmentally friendly tourist and local transportation idea. I also recall another business owner saying something like "wait until he gets to council!" And in due course we had Coun. Dennis Dick's response—he's not enamoured... "we don't want too many."

Perhaps he'd like to extend the "too many" limitation to automobiles too?

I do a part-time fair weather job in NOTL and see the difficulties and expense tourists experience in parking. Surely it would be neat if guests to

NOTL could be picked up at B&B's, a designated parking lot, or even hail one on the street?

The next steps to me seem to be how to cope with bureaucracy and due process. Fair enough but how about a "can-do" make-it-happen attitude to a positive idea? If it doesn't work the business cycle will take care of it anyway.

Marlin Harvey

Please be generous

By now, the world has witnessed a historical calamity in Typhoon

Haylan, the likes of which few can ever imagine.

For example: "Winds exceeding 300km/h."

"Tsunami-like waves which can smash the roof of the average Canadian home."

"Total destruction of property, buildings and organizations essential to human welfare—hospitals, police and fire services, emergency centres themselves, let along the most humble of homes."

"Human suffering that shows no partiality but hammers the poor without relief."

However, we are a people bound by deep faith in both the goodness of our Creator and the compas-

sion He has bestowed upon His children. We are hopeful and confident that your desperately needed assistance will continue.

Thank you for what you have already given—it is truly appreciated—and please continue to be generous.

For more information on where and how to donate please contact me at 905-468-2772.

Art Viola

P.S. My dear wife Julie, a registered nurse of 37 years experience, is in the Philippines to aid in the distribution of food, water, medicine and medical care.

Time to put out feeders that will attract a variety of hungry birds

Suet blocks will keep the birds feeding



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Well, at least the birds are happy, as I have at last, with help, put up the suet cages and some other feeders filled with seed.

If you are new to this venture you can get quite overwhelmed with the selection and I guess my limited selection shows I want to see the birds but they will notice I am not aiming for a Michelin star as regards bird feeding.

There really is a tremendous selection out there but part of my thinking is to limit the clean-up.

For instance, seed without the shell means less to clean up, and suet blocks, with a variety of

fruit and nuts in them, mean the birds spend time so I get to watch them.

I heard from a friend that the woodpeckers have in fact returned, but I was late with my selection and they have found another restaurant (their territory is about four blocks closer to the lake). I am looking forward to the chickadees flying close and chirping at me to tell me they are ready for a refill. The

ones you cannot help but notice are the blue jays - you get screeched at when they are not happy with you.

Now the garden is in pretty good shape but there is still some protective measures to take. You see I put off cutting some climbing roses as they were still blooming so I cut them back and brought the blooms inside, but I should have left the flowers in a cooler place as they dropped very quickly.

A friend carefully placed leaves around her shrubs, and they looked great - then the strong wind came and alas they are no more.

Hope you have managed to find some nice evergreen branches and some dogwood for your outdoor containers. Then all you have to do is add

some Christmas bows and decorations for a holiday planter.

Remember not to be too quick to empty your containers - wait and watch for shoots come spring, that is how I got my dogwood, both red and variegated.

This is time for poinsettias - and remember the rules - out of drafts, do not overwater, water when the soil feels dry to touch. Do not fertilize when it is in bloom - and enjoy.

Happy gardening.

It's the time of year for poinsettias. Jean Cochrane reminds us not to overwater them, to keep them out of drafts, and don't fertilize while they're in bloom.

Photo submitted



Donation kettles must suffer in our cash-free society

Credit, debit and rewards cards—lots of plastic in our pockets but little cash



Randy Klaassen
Senior's View

My Uncle Henry was really "old school" when it came to making purchases.

I remember him purchasing a brand-new car from a dealership. After the hand shake and papers signed Uncle Henry reached into his coat pocket to pull out a wad of cash for the total purchase price of the car. His rational was if he didn't have money to pay for something, he didn't need it.

Seems no matter where I shop the first comment I hear from cashiers is "Do you have a rewards card?" The card in question is

either a generic air miles reward or retailer specific reward program.

I've seen people ahead of me at checkout counters with a whole wad of cards they have to sort through to find the right one. When I'm in a hurry it's rather annoying to have to wait the extra time it takes for them to find the right card.

As Christmas approaches I've noticed a signif-

icant increase in plastic reward or discount cards being offered as incentives by retailers. These "carrots on a stick" are to entice us with the expectation of giving our loyalty to particular retailers or for particular products.

Reading the fine print on these reward and discount cards reveals that corporations not only expect loyalty, but they also keep track of every purchase you and I as consumers make.

Tracking each and every consumer purchase is valuable information for retailers so they can target market their products. While these cards may seem like a bonus, the reality is the high cost to offer these programs, and the cost is borne by all consumers.

This is true whether you use the programs or

not. Retailers have to increase the cost of their products to pay the price of these programs. The same is true of credit or debit plastic cards we use, which increases the cost of all our products.

I've not seen it in Canada, but when I've travelled elsewhere certain retailers, who happen to have lower prices, accept only cash for purchases. These tend to be smaller independent businesses who simply cannot afford the high cost of reward programs or the extra fees of credit cards.

While the plastic cards give us the "convenience" of not having to carry cash we need to be aware of the cost of services.

I have to admit, I'm one of those people who carry very little cash in my wallet. Lately I even succumbed to one accepting

one of the retailer reward programs, and immediately was given a message "As you use your offers, we learn what you like. Soon, they'll become tailored to you." No dispute on the target marketing purpose of this program.

Aside from the overall increase in goods and services to pay for our plastic convenience I feel guilty these days when I walk past volunteers of charity organizations who sit outside retail outlets soliciting cash donations.

This time year in particular it's the Salvation Army volunteers to whom I have to apologize because I have no loose "cash" to donate. It certainly would not do any good for the cause if I tossed my plastic card into the kettle. However, it might do my finances some good if I did toss the

card.

With all the plastic cards with electronic chips embedded in them to track my purchases I'm beginning to think George Orwell was not off the mark back in 1948 when he published his novel "Nineteen Eighty Four." It seems like "Big Brother" has arrived and we have fully embraced him without question.

With all the cards we carry we have willingly signed away our personal information that tracks our every purchase, every interest, and every relationship.

I'll admit times have changed and it was some years ago when Uncle Henry passed up on the use of credit or rewards. I believe he had a financial management plan that more of us could learn from, and that's my view.

Marijuana applications in the works, Town reveals

➤ One St. David's greenhouse owner has conditional approval

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

There are at least three

properties that could become legal commercial marijuana growing operations in Niagara-on-the-Lake, one of those with a conditional approval from Health Canada.

Owners of greenhouses in St. David's have applied to the Town for site plan approval for expanded

office space on a property that has conditional approval from Health Canada, says John Henricks, the Town's planning director. There are other conditions still to be met by Health Canada in addition to municipal site plan approval, he said.

Two others have filed a notice of intent, which

means they plan to go through the application process with Health Canada.

Municipalities can't stop the licensing process if the property is zoned for a commercial operation, says Henricks, but site plan approval is required.

And as long as there is no need for a zoning amendment, there is no public process that allows neighbours to have a say, he said.

In response to questions about a greenhouse operation that has been the source of speculation by neighbours—it has a new barbed wire fence around it—Henricks told the Advance last week he had received no notice of an application for a commercial medical marijuana operation in Niagara-on-the-Lake for that property, and he still hasn't, although he is fielding enquiries

about it from neighbours as well.

That is not one of the three properties that are in the process of applying to Health Canada for a licence.

A notice of intent or a submitted application does not guarantee a licence will be issued by Health Canada.

One local greenhouse operator told the Advance he looked into the possibility, but discovered the regulations are very stringent—his location couldn't meet Health Canada rules. It's an attractive option, he added, with a possibility of making a lot of money without needing a lot of greenhouse space.

Before submitting an application to Health Canada for a producer's licence, the applicant must provide written notice to the municipality, fire department and police

force in the jurisdiction where they plan to apply. They must also notify the same authorities within 30 days if they are issued a licence, legislation states.

New Health Canada regulations coming into effect April 1 will force medicinal marijuana to be grown in approved commercial sites rather than in approved residential homes.

The existing program of legal residential grow operations for medicinal purposes has been criticized by municipalities, police and fire departments because of fire and electrical hazards and the potential for illegal activities.

Federal regulations require production of medical marijuana must be indoors and the property must have proper security measures in place, according to Health Canada.

With files from QMI Agency

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Following the proclamation and official unveiling, a small procession will travel to the flagpole where the Lord Mayor will raise the new flag. The procession will then continue to St. Mark's Church, 41 Byron Street, for a candlelight service to commemorate the Burning of the Town. You are welcome to join in the procession to the church.

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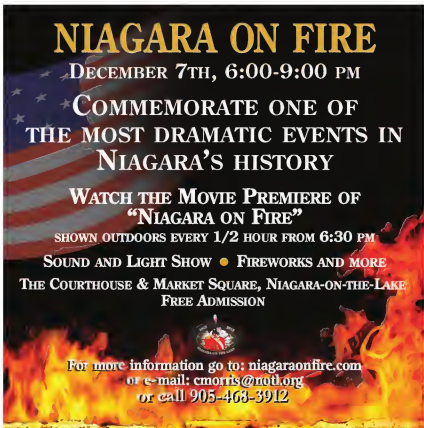
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NRP charge Falls man with car theft

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Police have made an arrest in connection with a blaze in the middle of a vineyard in Virgil early last Thursday morning.

When police arrived around 4 a.m. Nov. 21, there was a fully engulfed vehicle in the field, and

Niagara-on-the-Lake firefighters were on the scene fighting the blaze.

The canine unit was called, but results to find the driver were unsuccessful, said Const. Derek Watson of the Niagara Regional Police.

After an investigation, police have charged a 19-year-old Niagara Falls

man with theft of a 2001 Honda Civic, which was reported stolen in Niagara Falls two days before the fire.

Police laid eight charges altogether, some involving other stolen vehicles, and one for a gas drive-off the same day in Niagara Falls, said Watson.

NOTL firefighters were on the scene and a car fully engulfed in flames when police got to the vineyard on Line 1 early last Thursday morning.

Photo submitted



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS DEPOSITING SNOW ON ROADWAYS AND WINTER PARKING

DEPOSITING SNOW ON ROADWAYS:

Residents are reminded that during winter weather conditions, pushing or blowing snow and ice onto or across public roadways creates an unsafe situation for drivers.

Section 181, Highway Traffic Act – “No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road.”

WINTER PARKING:

Leaving vehicles parked or standing on a roadway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or clearing of snow from the roadway also creates an unsafe situation.

Section 170, Highway Traffic Act – “Despite the other provisions of this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway.”

To ensure the safe passage of traffic and to prevent interference with snow clearing operations, Town Enforcement Officers will be serving parking infraction notices and may tow away any vehicles found parked on public streets in Niagara-on-the-Lake in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the roadway.

Please consider the safety of other road users. Also, parents should remind their children to be aware of plowing operations and traffic.

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Pursuant to the Town Parking and Traffic By-Law 4308-09, the Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990 c. H8 and the Repair and Storage Liens Act R.S.O. 1990 c. R25, parking infraction notices may be served to vehicles and towing of vehicles may occur to vehicles parked on streets:

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- In excess of 12 hours at any one time.
- Between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- In contravention of “No Parking” zones.
- Within 10 metres of an intersection.
- Within 3 metres of a fire hydrant.
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Pierce Brosnan and Trine Dyrholm star in *Love Is All You Need*, this Saturday at the Shaw Festival Theatre. REUTERS/Tony Gentile

Shaw matinees begin Saturday

Entertainment continues at the Shaw Festival Theatre this winter with the ninth annual Shaw Festival Film Series.

This Saturday marks the first matinee, with the screening of Golden Globe and Oscar winning filmmaker Susanne Bier's romantic comedy *Love Is All You Need*, starring Pierce Brosnan and Trine Dyrholm, beginning at 3 p.m.

The Festival Film Series continues until February 15.

The series also includes a six-film documentary series beginning Friday, Jan. 3 at with Twenty Feet from Stardom, an American documentary film by filmmaker Morgan Neville. The film allows a peek into the lives of the unknown backup singers whose voices bring harmony to the biggest bands in popular music.

A fundraising event featuring A Royal Affair, the Oscar and Golden Globe-nominated historical drama film directed by Nikolaj Arcel, benefitting the Festival Film Series is scheduled for Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. A post-show reception with food and wine will take place in the Macdonald Heaslip Lounge. Tickets are \$85 (film and

reception) and \$25 (film only). Tickets can be ordered through the Shaw Festival Box Office.

Gathering Niagara's LunchMarket at the Film Series is back—grab a bite to eat from food trucks and local vendors before the Saturday afternoon screenings (doors open at 1:30 p.m.), or enjoy lunch or dinner at one of the many restaurants in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Tickets are \$12 per film. A film pass is available for \$130, an eight-film "stoking stuffer" is available for films showing after Dec. 21 for \$88 and a documentary pass is available for \$60 (passes exclude Feb. 22 benefit screening).

Seating is general admission. Advance tickets, same day tickets and tickets to the Festival Film Series fundraiser can be purchased in person at the Shaw Festival box office at 905-468-2172.

The Shaw Festival Film Series is presented by the Shaw Festival in association with Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival Group. Since its inception, attendance numbers to the Shaw Festival Film Series have been steadily increasing. In 2012, the Shaw Festival Film Series was named one of Film Circuit's attendance leaders and its presentation of Anna Karenina was Film Circuit's top-grossing single-booking film, with an attendance of 851.

The Friends of the Festival Film Series, particularly major sponsors John and Carol Walker, help to make the series possible. The Shaw Festival Film Series is generously supported by The Standard, The Review and The Tribune, and all profits from the Festival Film Series benefit the Shaw Festival.

Show Times:

- Feature Films - Saturdays at 3 p.m.
- Documentaries - Fridays at 6 p.m.
- All screenings will take place at the Shaw Festival Theatre.
- For the complete film line-up, visit www.shawfest.com/films
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Sandra (D'intino) Cocetti has grown up in a family of entrepreneurs, and she gained experience by working at the family business, Big Marco's Restaurant. Sandra's dream was inspired by her mother. She

watched her mother operating two salons, styling hair, and treating every one of her guests like her own family. There was no doubt that Sandra would follow the same dream as her mother ..This dream is the love of hair.

Sandra and the Team at Bliss have been educated with Toni & Guy New York and Dallas, as well as Aveda Minneapolis and Toronto. In 2003, Sandra led her Team at Bliss on to winning the L'Oreal Colour Trophy in Montreal. This award has brought great reward to Sandra and the Team. Recently in 2012, Sandra, Jennifer, Kendra

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The Bliss Team has strong beliefs in community awareness and environmental leadership. Bliss is a salon with many ties into the community, Autism Awareness Society, Gillian's Place, and Out of the Cold to name a few. Their hearts go out to those in need. The salon has been diligent in keeping things green, becoming a Green Circle Salon which disposes of remaining hair color, hair clippings and used foil to keep it out of the landfills.

The Bliss Team is welcoming new visionary stylist Jacqueline, Catherine, and frontline manager Christy.

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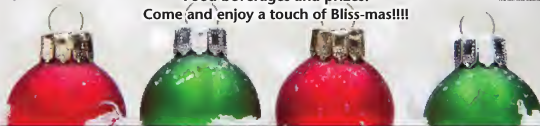
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Partnerships good for business

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Debate over gourmet food trucks often pits them against bricks and mortar restaurants, but ask the owners of a bricks and mortar brewery and they say there's room for everyone.

Chef Adam Hynam-Smith of Food Network Canada's Restaurant Takeover is also the owner of El Gastronomo Vagabundo. He and Tamara Jensen have been seen often around town, serving treats from their popular gourmet food truck.

The couple would love to have a restaurant of their own, but until that happens, they will prepare and serve food anywhere they are invited, including beer-friendly dishes Friday evenings at the Silversmith Brewery in Virgil.

The micro-brewery, which opened about a year ago in a historic church with a modern addition to accommodate the beer tanks, has a small kitchen at the back of the retail area to serve pairings with their beer.

Silversmith co-owners Matt Swan and Chris Pontsion say they're not interested in operating a full-scale restaurant, but food and beer go together, and they're trying to offer that balance.

"I feel very much at home doing this," says Hynam-Smith, as he begins the preparation for Friday evening food at the brewery.

"I'm happy cooking in the food truck or here, in a kitchen. I love working with other chefs and with other businesses, whenever and wherever I get the chance."

He's pleased with the recent decision of the Town

regarding the regulation of food trucks, which placed some limits on them but was seen by most food truck operators and restaurant owners as a fair compromise.

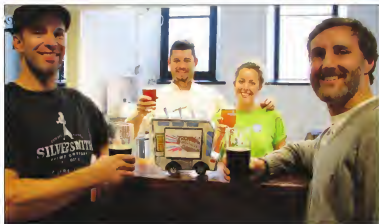
"Everyone's starting to get along better and collaborate better. And everyone benefits from it, with more opportunities to offer beer, wine and food," agrees Swan.

"This works for all of us," says Jensen.

"You guys take care of the beer and we'll take care of the food."

Saturday afternoons, the brewery hosts oyster-shucking champion Mike Langley of the Tide & Vine Oyster Company, presenting tasty oysters to slurp with a fresh pint.

People in Toronto are starting to talk about beer in the Niagara region, says



PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Silversmith Brewery co-owner Matt Swan, Chef Adam Hynam-Smith and Tamara Jensen of El Gastronomo Vagabundo and Chris Pontsion of Silversmith wait for the Friday crowd to visit the microbrewery, which is serving food made and served by the food truck operators.

Hynam-Smith.

"They seem it as more reason for them to come to the Region. There's more here than there ever has been, and that's good for everybody."

The food truck operators were pleased, and a little surprised, with the presentations at council recently

regarding food truck regulations, and the way they were received.

Restaurant and winery owners, food truck operators and local residents all spoke in favour of the regulations at a recent public meeting at the town hall, agreeing the proposed bylaw strikes a good balance, a

compromise that will work for food truck operators, the wineries and breweries that host them, and local restaurant owners.

Under the proposed legislation, agreed upon by council, one food truck would be allowed at a winery for a 24-hour period once a week. That would be in addition to the current rules that permit wineries to hold 24 special events per year. The 24-hour limit was questioned by some, the only opposition to the regulations.

There is no provision for permitting food trucks on public property without the consent of council or in the Queen-Pictou commercial zone.

A final report with amendments to the zoning bylaw is expected to come to council for approval in December.

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Friday, JANUARY 17

A brand new signature event for Niagara-on-the-Lake: Sparkle and Ice. A celebration with Niagara-on-the-Lake icewinemakers and their VQA wines paired with icewine inspired tastings from the Signature Kitchen Chefs. The beautiful setting of the Great Hall in the Courthouse, with live entertainment and an official toast, served outdoors in the Icewine Village at 10:30 pm, will make this an evening to remember. \$95.00 per person. Purchase your tickets at www.niagaraonthelake.com

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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The lease was signed in June 2012 and the renovations began. The former warehouse was transformed into

a beautiful office, thanks to the help from Peninsula Flooring and Millbrook Cabinetry. Pauline tried to use local businesses to create a comfortable and welcoming environment.

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Finding an office manager was the next big step and Julia Dick was perfectly suited for the role. Her son was starting school and she was looking to use her skills as an Office Administrator. Having grown up in Virgil, Julia has loved this community to raise her children as well. "I love the small town feel. It's truly a privilege to be able to live in this community, and to provide a service to my neighbours."

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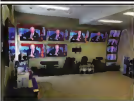


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ICC provides aid for mothers and children

➤ Benefit dinner to raise money for maternal health program in Haiti

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

As an anchor with CTV News Channel since 1989, Jennifer Ward is a sought-after public speaker.

The award-winning broadcaster is careful about choosing her causes, but when she was invited to speak at a benefit in Niagara-on-the-Lake, she didn't hesitate to say yes.

"We get a lot of requests, and I have to pick and choose what I agree to do," says Ward.

But as a mother and grandmother, she adds, "I like to help out when I can with anything to do with women and children who face hardship."

The event is Giving Hope at Christmas, and it's the 40th anniversary dinner to benefit International Child Care. Proceeds will go to a maternal health program in Haiti.

The program provides health care to women in the most impoverished northern rural Haitian communities, which are isolated due to their geog-

raphy.

The goal of the program is to improve the health of the vulnerable, especially pregnant and nursing mothers and children under five, in an area many have migrated to as a result of the 2010 earthquake.

"As a broadcaster, I'm always reporting on events like these, and there is an outpouring of aid in response. But then a couple of years go by and there are still so many displaced people, and everyone has moved on to the next disaster. It's almost as if each disaster gets trumped by the next one, and we lose touch," she says.

"If I can help give a voice to those who live with so much hardship, I'm happy to help. I don't want the plight of the people of Haiti, especially the women and children, to be forgotten."

Ward has never been to Haiti, but reporting by talking to people on the ground during disasters such as the earthquake, hearing people share their stories, "you do feel that connection with what's going on, what people are going through and what they're feeling. That's hard to forget."

Ward says she heard about Leno Mori and some of the other volunteers who are so dedicated to ICC she checked her schedule and yes.

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Giving Hope at Christmas to benefit the poorest of Haiti

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Ward is much in demand as a public speaker, often to talk about women's health, having faced breast cancer and being a cancer survivor.

"We have such great fortune here in our country. We have the best treatment and we never face a medical bill. One drug alone I was taking was \$100,000. Most countries approve it for six months, but you need to take it for a year, and I was able to, at no cost to me. When I think of the people who don't even have the barest of necessities, how can I not help?"

Ward says she learned when she was battling cancer, going through radiation and chemotherapy treatments and showing up for work in a wig while keeping her condition from the public, that women facing struggles do what they have to do to get the job done. She always tried to find a silver lining in what she was going through, which was easy enough when she thought of women who were going



Jennifer Ward

Photo submitted

through so much worse.

That includes the women of Haiti, who are not only among the poorest in the world but live as second class citizens, with no rights and no control over their lives.

"Yet they have such resilience. They just do the

best they can each and every day to look after their families."

If you just report on their hardships and did nothing about it, "you're not engaged. You can become quite jaded. The way not to become hardened, or depressed, is by doing what you can to help, in your own way."

Lemo Mori, one of the organizers of the benefit dinner to be held at Orchard Park Bible Church, has been involved in ICC from the beginning. He has been to Haiti many times, and he has seen the difference ICC has made in the health of the Haitians.

"It has helped, there is no question about that. The poverty still exists, obviously, but health-wise life has improved. TB is not as prevalent as it was, and there has been a

lot of work with primary health care that has made a difference, especially with women and children."

Giving Hope at Christmas with Ward speaking and Marcel Dionne, NHL Hall of Famer as master of ceremonies, is being held at Orchard Park

Bible Church on Hunter Rd. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$50 per person for a roast beef dinner—the same price as the very first ICC dinner, says Mori.

Stephen Lukawski of Century 21 City Realty is

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Celebrity chef says Niagara College tops

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Celebrity chef Michael Smith says a "perfect recipe" has made Niagara College's cooking school Canada's finest.

The declaration was made Thursday at a Canadian Food and Wine Institute event called Caps, Corks and Forks, with Smith as master of ceremonies. The host of shows like Chef Michael's Kitchen and Chef Abroad, seen on Food Network Canada and in more than 100 countries, said Niagara College has the best cooking school in the country. "The perfect recipe for success is present," said the PEI native. "You've got the campus, facility, curriculum, students and the region itself. Every one of those five elements hits the mark perfectly."

The school has "awesome connections to industry," he said. "Students at the school certainly have the opportunity to get more out by putting more in."

Smith pointed to the College's teaching winery and

brewery programs in its Niagara-on-the-Lake campus as added pluses. "You put all those things together into place ... it's a perfect confluence of factors that leads to an awesome educational environment."

The Caps, Corks and Forks event showcased the work of students at the Institute, who prepare a top six-course meal at Benchmark Restaurant. Teams of students from the college's wine programs and brewmaster and brewery operations management program each offered a wine and beer pairing with each dish.

Craig Voudale, acting dean of the Canadian Food and Wine Institute, said he's known Smith for many years and views him as an "ambassador for Canadian food."

"For him to say something like that about us is certainly fantastic for us," he said. "It's a testament for the hard work and development that has gone in over many years in the culinary program."

College professor chef Michael Olson — himself a



Celebrity Chef Michael Smith
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celebrity chef — said students and staff are "flattered."

"There's a whole bunch of people in our department working very hard to do our best to make sure the student gets a good experience," Olson said, adding the culture at the school is also a hard-working and modest one.

"We'll all put it as a feather in our cap here, then go back to work and keep doing the right things every Monday morning."



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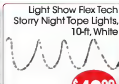
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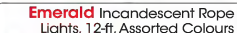
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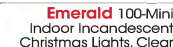
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Province moves closer to approving south Niagara hospital

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For the first time in 14 months, the Liberal government appears closer than ever to approving a south Niagara hospital.

"Our government is prepared to take the next step in the form of a planning grant so that the best health care will be delivered in Niagara going forward," Health Minister Deb Matthews said Monday. "We are on track to announce more details in the coming weeks."

In September, Niagara Health System supervisor Kevin Smith recommended the province endorse a hospital near Lyons Creek and

Montrose Rds. to replace aging sites in Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fort Erie, Welland and Port Colborne.

"Dr. Smith has built a strong case for a new hospital in south Niagara and there is growing local support for his proposal," said Matthews.

Smith said he's pleased Matthews will provide a grant.

"In my view, based on the economics and clinical need, the south site is a when and not an if."

He said the NDP's idea to build a south Niagara hospital and keep existing sites open would defeat the purpose of what the NHS is trying to do — consolidate its activity and staff.

Matthews' statement comes after Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak called on the minority government to approve a grant allowing local authorities to move forward in building a south Niagara hospital.

The grant would provide the NHS with financing to develop a preliminary capital plan to identify core services and programs, and outline governance of the new organization within the hospital. The next step would be a capital planning grant to finalize plans before construction begins.

Hudak said that was the criteria for the proposed Windsor mega hospital, which received a \$2.5 million



MIKE DIBATTISTA Omi Agency Niagara
A billboard stands at the corner of Lyons Creek and Montrose Rds. in Niagara Falls touting the 12-hectare property as the future site of a south Niagara hospital.

planning grant in January to consolidate two sites into one.

He was skeptical of Matthews' statement.

"I think I know this particular card trick," said Hudak. "They will find a candidate who will miraculously convince minister Matthews of the benefits of the south Niagara hospital, but nobody believes the Liberals are sincere."

Hudak said the NDP are reckless by offering an unrealistic proposal to build a hospital and keep existing sites open.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said Hudak talks about streamlining administration and making sure experts are listened to, but doesn't talk about people and the health-care services they need.

"With all due respect to Dr. Smith, he's a bureaucrat, he likes to count paperclips and that's his job, but politicians have a different job and that's

to try and meet the needs of the people," she said.

"Dr. Smith is suggesting a hospital is to save millions and millions of dollars, but the amalgamation that happened in the Niagara health service was supposed to save millions and millions of dollars and they didn't save a dime."

A Tory motion asking the government to back Smith's recommendation passed 71-15 in the legislature Monday. Horwath said New Democrats voted against the motion because it would shut down local hospitals.



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Phil's Valu-Mart atoms narrowly miss semi-finals of Silver Stick

Phil's Valu-Mart atom AE Wolves of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association travelled to Collingwood on the weekend for the annual Silver Stick regional tournament, narrowly missing an opportunity to play in the semi-final game.

The Wolves started off strong in their first game, dominating against Penetang in all areas of the ice and winning 6-3.

Captain Michael Ward was awarded the game MVP, scoring two goals and playing strong at both ends. Matthew Ward also added a goal and an assist in the victory. Jay Rider scored two nice goals in the game and made a beautiful play in the corner to feed the puck to Sam Hendriks who

made no mistake, burying the puck top corner.

Nathan Van de Laar had a strong game, contributing two assists in the win, while single assists came from Johnny Pillitteri and Lukas Paugh.

The coach's 'play of the game' hard hit went to Connor O'Gorman for playing some of his best hockey of the year, and helping keep the opposition out of the Wolves' end.

The Wolves' second game of the tournament may go down as the best game the coaches have seen Phil's Valu-Mart play all year. Facing a team from Midland that has gone undefeated this season, the Wolves fought to a 2-2 tie. Taking a nice feed in front of the net from Matthew

Ward, Gannon Duffy earned the game MVP scoring his first goal for the squad and also battling hard in the corners all game long.

Michael Ward scored the go-ahead goal after Midland had tied the game in the second period. The Wolves hung onto the lead thanks to the outstanding play from goaltender Owen Davis and the defensive core of Evan Smith, Tyler Carmichael, O'Gorman, and Paugh.

With NOTL shorthanded in the final minute of the game and the Midland net empty, their opponents tied the game with only 16 seconds left to play.

Davis earned the coach's 'play of the game' award for a beautiful glove late in

the game to keep the Wolves ahead of Midland.

Game three saw the Wolves needing a win or tie against Halton Hills to advance to the semi-finals. But the team was hit by the stomach flu the night before the third game and defence-man Paugh was forced to miss the game. His teammates vowed to give it their all for their ailing teammate, saluting him in the stands before the start of the game.

Halton Hills jumped out to an early lead in the first period, leaving the Wolves trailing by three after one period of play. Although

Wolves came to life in the second period, Halton managed to add to their lead, leaving NOTL down 5-0.

Early in the third, the team opted to pull the goalie on a power play and the Wolves scored their first goal of the game. Nathan Van de Laar skated hard through the neutral zone and gave a great heads-up pass to Sam Hendriks who fired a hard shot to spark a Wolves rally.

The Wolves kept the momentum going when Carmichael kept the puck in the offensive zone in the face of tough clearing pres-

sure from Halton Hills and fed it to Michael Ward, who shot the puck over the blocker of the goalie.

With only 4:42 left to play, Pillitteri fought hard in the corner and slid the puck in front of the net to Michael Ward who scored his second of the game.

The Wolves kept the pressure on and controlled play but weren't able to get any closer. Game MVP went to O'Gorman who had another strong game on the blue line and the coach's 'play of the game' hard hat went to Matthew Ward for his tremendous backchecking late in the game.

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STAMP, William Atkinson - Passed away November 20th, 2013, at the age of 86. Bill, soulmate and loving husband of Marjorie for 60 years. Beloved Poppa to Krystal (Sean) and our treasured great grandchild, Newsum. Much loved Pops to Angie, Kirk and Victoria. He will be sadly missed by his family in England brother Kenneth (Joyce), and in-laws Keith (Joan), Bill (Flo), Jen (Lara), and several nieces and nephews. Bill was a kind and gentle man who enjoyed life, loved to travel and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed by his family and friends both old and new. Our sincere thank you to the doctors and nurses in ICU and PCU at the St. Catharines General Hospital for their kindness and wonderful care. Cremation has taken place. Bill did not want a visitation or funeral service, wishes are being respected. In lieu of flowers, donation to the M.S. Society of St. Catharines would be greatly appreciated.

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USHER, James Edward (Butch) of Kincardine Ontario passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the Villa in Hanover Ontario at the age of 78. Survived by his beloved wife Gloria (nee Librock) and his dear son Michael of Niagara Falls, Ontario. Also survived by his loving sister Sally (Don) Reed of Virgil, Ontario, niece Jacqueline Goodman of Virgil, nephew Zachary Lepp of St. Catharines, nephew Adam Lepp of Montreal Quebec, several cousins and sister-in-law Mary Lepp of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Jim was born and raised in Niagara-on-the-Lake. In 1950 he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy and served five years on board The Algonquin and The Sioux as a gunner. In 1960 Jim joined his father's business - Jim Usher Insurance and Real Estate and became an Insurance Agent. In 1975 Jim and family moved to Kincardine where he was employed by LCOMS and then Ontario Hydro (Bruce Power) at the BNPP until his retirement in 2002. Cremation has taken place. A private service will be held at a later date in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Those who wish may make a memorial donation to the Kincardine Hospital Foundation or the Niagara-on-the-Lake General Hospital.

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Painting the town – and the Niagara landscape

Lois Stevens work to be on display at the library

Local artist Lois Stevens continues her love affair with Niagara-on-the-Lake, where she will be exhibiting her work for the month of December at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library on Anderson Lane.

Although Stevens is known for her bold florals, she also has been driven to paint her surroundings, such as rural scenes, water and landscapes.

For the past 20 years she has painted professionally and has work in many countries around the world.

From painting a commissioned piece of a family home or pet, she has become a prolific painter and

will tackle just about any subject that moves her.

When she began her career as a fine artist she chose watercolour as her medium of choice and after many years of hard work, she learned to enjoy and master the application of this medium, Stevens says.

It soon led her to experimenting with oils where she found herself applying the paint first like watercolour and as she grew with this process, she learned to become more liberal with the paint. She found herself enjoying the wonderful buttery consistency and the ability to give her work more texture, she says.

While she was on this new path, she found herself wondering whether acrylics would offer her new challenges, so she sur-

sued this medium applying it to her usual subjects of interest.

Through this journey, Stevens says she discovered many aspects of the art process and learning to be able to adapt to different applications with paint. It has been and continues to be an exciting, stimulating adventure where she continues to grow as an artist, always experimenting and searching for new subjects and techniques to depict, she adds.

The upcoming exhibit at the library reflects her ongoing passion for the town of NOTL and the Niagara region, she says.

Other work can be viewed online at Artists in Canada as well as her resident studio and gallery located at 519 Mississauga St., where she studies and practices painting.



This glycee print of NOTL's Queen St. is one of the many Niagara scenes artist Lois Stevens will be exhibiting at the NOTL Public Library for the month of December.

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\$299,000

3 VINCENT AVE.

Lovely 2 bdrm home
w/many updates including
Kitchen, bath, roof, furnace,
window and wiring.

WRAP IT UP FOR CHRISTMAS

BEV WIEBE* 905-468-4214



\$675,000

633 SIMCOE ST.

Spacious 2 story home features
main floor master bed w/
ensuite, laundry, living room
with gas fireplace, backing onto open
green space. Upper level features
2 beds, (ensuite) & spacious
conservatory/office w/gas
fireplace. Bonus: separate nursery!
In law quarters over garage!
Great B&B opportunities.

BY APPOINTMENT

DOREEN IBBA* 905-468-4214



\$749,000

41 JAMES ST.

Bright, spacious open
concept bungalow on
large private lot in
quiet, desirable cul-
de-sac. Hardwood,
granite, skylights, lanai.
New roof, furnace, air
cleaner. Easy walk to
shops, theatres.

WWW.JAMESSTON.COM

DAVID SHEARER* 905-468-4214

Stefan Regier
ST. CATHARINES

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125 Queen Street

Direct 289-257-6744



\$819,000

129 JOHNSON

Prestigious home in the
heart of old Town, 4 bed,
4 bath, finished basement
as well as a spacious and
airy in-law suite featuring
second kitchen + laundry.
Large lot with mature
trees, take a look through
the Virtual tour for more
appreciation.



\$569,000

19 GORING WAY

Newly constructed St. David's
bungalow features 8 doors
throughout, Butler's Pantry,
main floor bedrooms with
ensuites, separate Dining
room and double attached
garage. Be the envy of your
friends and colleagues.



16 SANDALWOOD COMMON, ST. CATHARINES

New Bungalow Townhomes-several designs to choose from
single and double garages select your own finishes low fees
for lawn cutting and snow removal pricing starts at \$278,000



24 RAIANA DRIVE CENTENNIAL PARK

Spacious family home backing onto Centennial Park
4 Bedrooms + 4 bathrooms - finished lower level main floor
laundry and double car garage large site shared lot with
extensive decking and hot tub \$488,900



4-21 LORETTA DRIVE VILLAGES OF VIRGIL

Beautiful greenhouse - end unit 1777 sq ft lot -
2 bedrooms, 2 bathroom gourmet kitchen with large 48" cook top
and stainless steel appliances, central air conditioning, large deck -
large deck - main floor laundry - 7 appliances included \$528,000



907 CONCESSION 5 ROAD NIAGARA CENTRE-LAKE

Private country setting on 1.1 acres updated family
home spacious steel barn to house a motor
home and more \$639,900

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1503 Niagara Stone Road \$489,000

The highest profile commercial property in Virgil has been and
continues to be one for more than 30 years as Virgil's Butler
Pantry large and fast growing. The residential unit is large
and fully updated w/ 4 bedrooms, living room with fireplace
and gas fireplace kitchen with cabinet and appliances.
The property also includes a pool and hot tub. This property
offers many opportunities and uses and has ample parking.

KEVAN O'CONNOR 905-641-5844**



139 Victoria Street \$1,095,000

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! One block
from the lake, golf club & the main street shops and
a short walk from all 3 Shaw theatres. This home
has been very thoughtfully built out with 3 bedrooms, 5
1/2 baths, a fabulous open concept kitchen, separate
dining room, living room and family room with
fireplace all recently updated.



kevan.com



71 Tanbark Road \$999,999

Custom family home on a 1/2 acre lot with
expansive views of the Niagara Escarpment.
Over 5000 sq ft of finished living area
complete with a main floor show suite
of 1100 sq ft featuring its own DR, FR, K, B,
MBR with ensuite bath.

JAMES O'CONNOR* 905-327-5589



14703 Niagara River Parkway - \$5,200,000 plus gst

One of Niagara's most extraordinary homes.
Historic seat of The Larkin Family and located on the
banks of the mighty Niagara River near Connetquot.
More than 5000 square feet the current owners
have added on and updated with great attention to
the historical detail & bedrooms. 3 baths, 1 fireplace,
triple car garage, in-ground pool, and dock.